

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs:

[0001] This application claims priority to the co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/475,675 entitled "A System And Method For Determining A File System Layout" by Susan SueSan Sohn, filed Jun. 3, 2003 and is also incorporated herein by reference.

[0036] The graphical user interface 305 provides a graphical representation of the disk before the disk is physically altered. As a benefit, a user can quickly change, arrange and modify the size and location of slices on the disk. In addition, a slice can be preserved on one or more disks from a previous file system layout. In accordance with embodiments of the invention, when a slice is preserved on a disk, the slice remains in the same location on the disk, with its data intact intact.

[0050] FIG. 8a is an illustration of an exemplary disk comprising a preserved partition and available space in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. Exemplary disk 800 is illustrated linearly for clarity and in one embodiment of the invention, disk 800 comprises circular partitions. Exemplary disk 800 comprises a preserved partition that starts at cylinder 0300, a first free space that starts at cylinder 300 and a second free space that starts at cylinder 600. The free space profile 708 of FIG. 7 corresponds to the physical layout of disk 800.